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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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David M. BRICKMAN et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 10/825,182)	
)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: April 16, 2004)	
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For: METHOD OF STRUCTURING)	Confirmation No. 8293
AND USING A PERFORMANCE-)	
BASED PARTICIPATION)	
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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

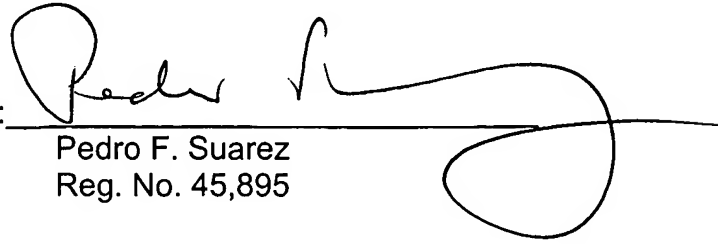
According to our records, the above-identified application was filed in the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office on April 16, 2004.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests
that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to
determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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